

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of February 17, 2017
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

Anaconda Mine Site (NV): Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Contact:

Harold Ball, x2-3047)

Ammonia Safety Day: On February 14, in Phoenix, EPA partnered with the Ammonia Safety Training Institute, the Refrigerating Engineers and Technicians Association, the Arizona State Emergency Response Commission, the Maricopa County Local Emergency Planning Committee, OSHA, DHS and others to sponsor an Ammonia Safety Day training. This training brings together industry, first responders and regulators to learn about anhydrous ammonia and to improve preparation, prevention and response to incidents. Over 150 people participated. The ultimate goal with respect to hazardous materials incidents is to *'prevent them all or stop them small'*. (Contact: Bill Jones, 619-235-4776)

Oroville Dam Flooding: The Region continues to support FEMA Region 9's response to the potential failure of spillways at the Oroville Dam, Butte County, CA. Emergency Support Function 10 - Oil and Hazardous Materials has been activated with a pre-declaration Mission Assignment. Severe winter storms have raised the level of Lake Oroville to dangerous levels, triggering the evacuation of 188,000 people downstream as a precaution. This evacuation order has been modified to an evacuation warning and people are returning to their homes. EPA Region 9 staff continue to staff the ESF10 desk at FEMA's Regional Response Coordination Center during the day shift (0700-1900 hrs). A federal emergency declaration was declared and FEMA will be standing up a Joint Field Office over the next several days. (Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

Western Navajo meetings: Next week Remedial Project Managers Amanda Pease and Estrella Armijo will travel to Western Navajo Nation for a series of meetings with community members and local officials. The team will be joined by Navajo Nation EPA, and will brief Cameron, Coalmine Canyon, and Bodaway/Gap Chapter officials, as well as the Cameron Community Land Use Planning Committee. The team will also meet with Cameron residents on next steps for demolition of 2 structures. (Contact: Amanda Pease, x2-3068)

Response to Lead Site Inquiry about LA County: Sharon Murray completed her response to

Personal Privacy 6 about ongoing and completed lead site work in LA County. Personal Privacy 6 will be providing a report to LA County Department of Health recommending that the county monitor DTSC work on the Atlas Iron and Metal site (near Jordan High School), as well as two Gardena sites currently being screened by DTSC under the PASI Cooperative Agreement. (Contact: Sharon Murray, x7-4250)

Triple Site Offsite OU VI Investigation (Sunnyvale, CA): Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

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MEW Superfund Area Neighborhood Meeting: At the request of the neighborhood associations in the MEW Superfund Area, EPA held a community meeting on February 11, to update the community on EPA's recent subsurface trichloroethene (TCE) sampling efforts, which is prompting EPA to identify additional response actions needed to reduce high TCE concentrations found in soil gas exceeding 400,000 micrograms per cubic meter and TCE in shallow groundwater exceeding 30,000 parts per billion prior to proceeding with construction of new 26-home residential development. EPA also provided an update of EPA's additional soil gas sampling investigations being conducted and planned at three other redevelopment projects within the MEW OU3 Vapor Intrusion Evaluation Area. (Contact: Alana Lee, x2-3141)

Edwards AFB: Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

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River Vessel San Juan, Noyo River Harbor, Mendocino County: OSC Maggie Waldon responded to the vessel San Juan which sank this week in the Noyo River Harbor, Mendocino County, CA. The USCG and California Fish and Wildlife responded to oil sheening on the water surface; however, the site of the vessel sinking is in EPA's area of responsibility. The USCG Marine Safety Detachment Humboldt (Sector San Francisco) provided personnel and booming equipment to collect oil and sheen. OSC Waldon traveled to the Site on February 15 to investigate pollution threats and begin coordinating with County and State responders on identification and removal of oil and hazardous substances. The vessel is in 7-15 feet of water with the stern submerged. The wooden hull is damaged and may be broken apart. Some materials remain on the vessel but reportedly the oil and fuel tanks are not full. OSC Waldon identified only light sheening and occasional oil droplet releases so far. OSCs Waldon and Harry Allen are

coordinating with the USCG, California's Office of Spill Prevention and Response, local authorities and property owners on potential removal of the vessel.

Significant Items for Next Week

Clean Air Act (112r) Risk Management Program Inspections in Hawaii: Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

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(Contact: Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

30-60 Day Outlook

Lead Smelter IG Closeout Report Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

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(Contact: Sharon Murray, x7-4250)

Brownfields to Transit-Oriented, Affordable Housing (Emeryville, CA): The City of Emeryville leveraged a \$200,000 EPA Brownfields Cleanup grant to pave the way for \$60 million in redevelopment of new, affordable housing on the Emeryville-Oakland border. This former auto repair and machine shop site will become 86 affordable housing units, as well as 7,000 square feet of commercial space. This project is designed with sustainability in the forefront. Located close to transit, residents will get free transit passes, access to on-site car-share services, bike parking, use of solar photovoltaics and a community garden. One hundred and ten cubic yards of contaminated soil were removed from the site. The city partnered with the local workforce development organization, and EPA grant recipient, Cypress Mandela Training Center, to support hiring of local, disadvantaged adults in the cleanup of the property. Construction is slated to begin in spring. (Contact: Nova Blazej, x2-3846)





**BEFORE: Auto Repair and Machine Shops
Housing and Commercial Development**

AFTER: Mixed-use Affordable

Other Information

Division Director Schedule: Internal Personnel (b) (2)

Internal to Region 9

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